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Mr. Saunders has informed me of the discussion which he and [redacted] had with you on 3 January 1957 concerning the proposed special arrangements about which you had previously written me. I understand that the many inherent problems which must be considered in the financing of our activities were substantially covered during the course of your conversation. After considering the proposal from every angle, we have come to the conclusion that to place a heavy concentration of informative material in one location, however protected it may be from external interests, would lose for us the proven advantages of compartmentation and source diversification.

Your personal interest in desiring to help us is particularly gratifying, since it came as a voluntary offer and would most certainly require considerable time and effort for you and your associates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation and personal contributions in other of our activities. I look forward to seeing you in May and would be glad to discuss the "maximum security" unit with you further at that time if you wish.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles

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